

Appl. No. 10/613,338
Amendment to Office Action of 01.12.2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 2 located under the heading "Related Applications" with the following paragraph:

United States Patent 6,817,502 entitled "Bicycle Wheel Holder" filed on 08/23/2002 and issued on 11/16/2004; patent application serial number 10/613,339 entitled "Handlebar/Stem Mounted Bicycle Wheel Holding Device" filed concurrently with this application; and patent application serial number 10/613,343 entitled "Seatpost Mounted Bicycle Wheel Holder" also filed concurrently with this application are all commonly owned along with this application and are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 8 beginning on line 12 with the following paragraph:

As illustrated in the cutaway section of Figure 2, one or two plastic pieces 130 & 132 can be provided proximate the center of the bag where the axles of a wheel 202 would protrude from the wheel's hub 204 (See Figure 4). Generally, the plastic pieces are made of sheet nylon, polypropylene, polyethylene or any suitable plastic and are mounted to the inside surfaces of the front and rear faces 102 & 104 to protect the faces from being punctured or otherwise damaged by the axle and/or quick release skewers of the wheel's hub. The plastic pieces can be mounted to the inside surfaces of the front and rear faces by any suitable means such as, but not limited to, sewing and adhesive bonding. In one embodiment, the plastic pieces are slid into fabric pockets provided on the inside of the faces. In other embodiments, no plastic pieces are utilized especially if the faces are comprised of an abrasion or puncture resistant material, such as a heavy nylon cloth.